

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

KASSAB INTERNATIONAL LLC,

Plaintiff,

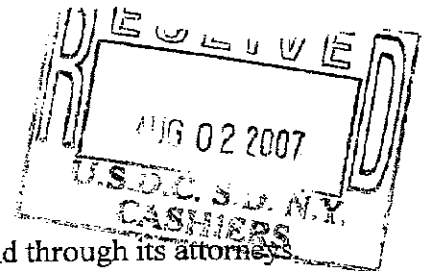
- against -

JDH INTERNATIONAL LLC,

Defendant.

JUDGE STEIN

07 CIV 6961



VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, KASSAB INTERNATIONAL LLC, ("Plaintiff") by and through its attorneys

Lennon, Murphy & Lennon, LLC, as and for its Verified Complaint against the Defendant, JDH INTERNATIONAL LLC, ("Defendant"), alleges, upon information and belief, as follows:

1. This is an admiralty and maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and 28 United States Code § 1333.
2. At all times material to this action, Plaintiff was, and still is, a foreign company duly organized and operating under foreign law with an office in the United Arab Emirates.
3. Upon information and belief, Defendant was, and still is, a foreign corporation, or other business entity organized and existing under foreign law with an office in the United Arab Emirates.
4. At all material times Plaintiff was the owner of the ocean going motor vessel "CAROLINA"
5. Pursuant to a charter party dated September 14, 2006, Plaintiff chartered the Vessel to Defendant for the carriage of bagged cement from Port Kandla to Port Um Qaser.
6. During the course of the charter party, certain disputes arose between Plaintiff and Defendant relating to the Defendant's failure to pay demurrage that was incurred both at the load port

and at the discharge port. Per Clause 20 of the charter party contract, the demurrage rate is \$8,600 per day. The Vessel was on demurrage at the load port for 274.99 hours, which equals 11.46 days, such that demurrage incurred at the load port is \$98,556.00. Likewise, the Vessel was on demurrage at the discharge port for 867.00 hours, which equals 36.13 days, such that demurrage incurred at the discharge port is \$310,718.00.

7. Despite due demand, and despite that Defendant has not contested that demurrage is due to Plaintiff, Defendant has nevertheless failed and/or refused to pay Plaintiff the principal sum of \$409,274.00

8. As a result of Defendant's breach of the charter party, Plaintiff has sustained damages in the total principal amount of \$409,274.00, exclusive of interest, attorneys' fees, and arbitration costs.

9. Pursuant to the charter party contract, all disputes between the parties are to be submitted to arbitration in the City of London with English Law to apply. Plaintiff will commence arbitration shortly.

10. Interest, costs and attorneys' fees are routinely awarded to the prevailing party in London arbitration. As best as can now be estimated, Plaintiff expects to recover the following amounts in the arbitration:

A.	Demurrage:	\$409,274.00
B.	Interest for 3 years at 6.5% compounded quarterly:	\$87,342.00
C.	Attorneys' fees:	\$71,623.00
D.	Arbitrators' fees and arbitration costs:	\$30,696.00
Total		\$598,935.00

11. The Defendant cannot be found within this District within the meaning of Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, but, upon information and belief, Defendant has, or will have during the pendency of this action, assets within this District and subject to the jurisdiction of this Court, held in the hands of one or more garnishees which are believed to be due and owing to the Defendant.

12. The Plaintiff seeks an order directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, and also pursuant to the United States Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1 and 8, attaching, *inter alia*, any assets of the Defendant held by any garnishees within the District for the purpose of obtaining personal jurisdiction over the Defendant, to compel arbitration (if necessary) and to secure the Plaintiff's claim as described above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:

A. That process in due form of law issue against the Defendant, citing it to appear and answer under oath all and singular the matters alleged in the Verified Complaint;

B. That the Court retain jurisdiction to compel the Defendant to arbitrate in accordance with the United States Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*

C. That since the Defendant cannot be found within this District pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, this Court issue an Order directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, also pursuant to the United States Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1 and 8, attaching all goods, chattels, credits, letters of credit, bills of lading, effects, debts and monies, tangible or intangible, or any other funds held by any garnishee within the District which are due and owing to the Defendant, in the amount of \$598,935.00

calculated to date to secure the Plaintiff's claims, and that all persons claiming any interest in the same be cited to appear and pursuant to Supplemental Admiralty Rule B answer the matters alleged in the Complaint;

D. That this Court recognize and confirm any arbitration award(s) or judgment(s) rendered on the claims set forth herein as a Judgment of this Court;

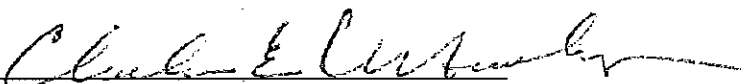
E. That this Court retain jurisdiction over this matter through the entry of any judgment or award associated with any of the claims currently pending, or which may be initiated in the future, including any appeals thereof;

F. That this Court award Plaintiff its attorneys' fees and costs of this action; and

G. That the Plaintiff has such other, further and different relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: August 2, 2007
New York, NY

The Plaintiff,
KASSAB INTERNATIONAL LLC,

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ATTORNEY'S VERIFICATION

State of Connecticut)
) ss.: Southport
County of Fairfield)

1. My name is Charles E. Murphy.

2. I am over 18 years of age, of sound mind, capable of making this

Verification, and fully competent to testify to all matters stated herein.

3. I am an attorney in the firm of Lennon, Murphy & Lennon, LLC, attorneys for the
Plaintiff.

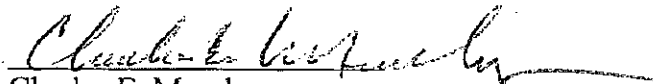
4. I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and know the contents
thereof and believe the same to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and
belief.

5. The reason why this Verification is being made by the deponent and not
by the Plaintiff is that the Plaintiff is a business organization with no officers or directors now within
this District.

6. The source of my knowledge and the grounds for my belief are the
statements made, and the documents and information received from, the Plaintiff and agents and/or
representatives of the Plaintiff.

7. I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of the Plaintiff.

Dated: August 2, 2007
 Southport, CT


Charles E. Murphy